

BOLD ATTEMPT TO ROB A HOME

The Fish Stand Cases in Northumberland County

CREATE GREAT INTEREST

No Written Law by Which the Case May Be Decided—Upon its Decision Rests the Interest of Large Fishing Values in That County.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
HEATHSVILLE, Va., Jan. 21.—About 9 o'clock Saturday night, while all the stores were doing business and the roads were alive with people, two men made a bold attempt to break into the home of J. D. Neims, the proprietor of the Arlington Hotel.

One of them, by the aid of a long ladder, succeeded in getting upon the roof and just a few feet from the window of Mrs. Neims' room, although there was a light in the room at the time, the burglars did not stop until Mrs. Neims ran down stairs and called to some men, who were passing by, and then he was seen to run down back of the house, while the other man was thought to have entered a confederate store near by and locked himself in and looked the lights out.

Mrs. Neims and her little children were the only persons at home at that time. A large crowd soon collected around the scene of action. Mr. Neims and Justice Elchberger have done everything that is possible to apprehend the burglars. They have not been able to find out any evidence against any one yet, though there is strong suspicion against a certain party in the town.

FISH STAND CASES.
Commissioner R. S. Bunt has been kept busy for the last two weeks looking into the case of the Williams vs. Krantz and Neale, fish stand case.

A week or more was consumed before Christmas and about two weeks since on the case, and there is a week more work yet. There is an interest manifested in the case and large crowds attend the sessions daily. It is impossible to tell who has the better, as the case will have to be decided by custom, there being no law which applies to it. Whoever wins the case, it will take several seasons of fishing to pay the costs.

The best lawyers are in the case. Hon. L. L. Smith represents Krantz and Neale, while Hon. J. W. Chism represents Mr. Williams.

If Mr. Williams wins this case, a man can take up a stand anywhere and keep it as long as he wants as his own personal property. If Krantz and Neale win, a man has to take his stand each year before anyone else; that is, he cannot own a stand from year to year, unless he puts his trap out on his stand before anyone else does each year.

BIG FISH FACTORY.
Stewart and Wacker Company, of Baltimore, have bought from Adolphus Krantz and Neale, of Heathsville, a fishing stand on the Potomac River, for which they paid \$12,000. They are going to build a large fish factory and are going to run ten steamers. This will be the largest factory in the county, as the largest now only runs six steamers.

This makes the fourth factory that will be built in this county this coming season, and making about twenty new fishing steamers, besides a large number of fish boats that will be out on the fishing ground.

The fish factories are playing havoc with the oysters in the lower end of the county. This factory alone will kill nearly all the oysters in the Potomac River. The home of C. J. Rowe was broken into recently while he and his wife were away and a large quantity of oysters were stolen.

DEATH OF MR. GARNER.
Mr. Albert Garner, residing near Village, in the county, died at his home Wednesday morning at the age of sixty-eight years. He is survived by a widow and a large family of children, who are mostly grown.

Misses Mabel and Kate Rice, two beautiful young ladies of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. C. Claughton in our town. George C. Shirley is ill with typhoid pneumonia. Mrs. James Booth, wife of the county treasurer, is seriously ill.

AFFAIRS AT CLARKSVILLE.

Old Citizens Ill—A Pastor Feels Impelled to Accept a Call.

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CLARKSVILLE, Va., Jan. 21.—Mrs. M. A. Barnes, wife of the proprietor of Hotel Barnes, of Clarksville, has been very ill for some time, but is now convalescing.

One of the oldest citizens of Clarksville, Mr. William Puryear, has been ill for some weeks, but is slowly improving at present. Mr. Puryear, in his ninety-third year, and until his recent illness could be seen on our streets daily, regardless of the weather, though for a year or more he has been almost blind. He has been a man of wonderful vitality and widely known. He is the older brother of Professor Bennett Puryear, formerly of Richmond College.

Rev. C. P. Watkins, who for five years or more faithfully served the Baptist Church of Clarksville, recently resigned to accept a call from Roxboro Baptist Church, in North Carolina. During his work here, which was eminently successful, he greatly endeared himself to people of all denominations, and although he was urged by his congregation to withdraw his resignation, he felt impelled to accept the call mentioned.

The new Methodist Church of Clarksville, which was begun last summer, is nearly completed. When finished it will be both handsome, commodious and substantial, being built of pressed brick and pink granite. It will, when completed, be quite ornamental, and would do credit to a city of larger growth. The pastor, Rev. W. A. Cowper, is deserving of much credit for bringing to a successful issue such an undertaking, having had many obstacles to contend with.

AMHERST COUNTY COURT.

Preparations for the Building of Sweet Briar Institute.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
AMHERST, Va., Jan. 21.—A special grand jury of Amherst County Court brought in the following indictments yesterday: Thomas M. Vlar, of the town of Madison, for betrayal; Howard Willis, of Bear Mountain, for horse-stealing. Willis was tried at the December term of the County Court for this same offense, found guilty and sentenced to two years' confinement in the State penitentiary, but his counsel, Mr. William K. Allen, by a technicality, had the verdict set aside, and the prisoner granted a new trial, which is set for the third day of the February term.

Charles Hendricks, who hails from the headwaters of Piney River, had two indictments brought in against him for malicious assault. It appears from the evidence of the witnesses that he will have to pay the penalty of his misdoing. Charles M. Barnes, of the Allwood neighborhood, who shot and killed Charles Gilbert some two weeks ago, was

FOUND AT LAST

IN MEMORY OF
THOS. A. JONES,
WHO DIED FROM
INDIGESTION
AND OTHER TROUBLES.

A FEW PACKAGES OF
IRONAL-TABLETS
WOULD HAVE SAVED HIS LIFE
BUT HE WOULD NOT BUY THEM
SO
HERE HE LIES.

TRIAL SIZE 25¢ LARGE SIZE 1.00

Indicted for murder, and his trial set for Friday of this week.

A large crowd turned out to-day, as usual, on the first day of each monthly term, and it seems to be a matter of sore regret among the sovereigns that this will probably be the last year of their lives that they will have the pleasure of attending the sessions and slaughtering the members of the Constitutional Convention for proposing to take away from them this long-expected prerogative of assembling themselves together once a month to trade horses, drink red liquor and discuss politics.

The county roads were never in better condition than they are at this season, and the farmers are rushing their tobacco to market while these favorable conditions exist.

Farm work generally is forging ahead, but the prospect for a crop of wheat is very unpromising. The Sweet Briar Institute people are having a quantity of lumber sawed this winter on the lands owned by the Institute, and shanties have been put up for the brick to be used in the main buildings will begin as soon as spring opens up.

Mr. W. W. Gray, of Blacksburg, who has done a quantity of work for the Institute, has contracted for all the buildings that are to be erected for the present at Sweet Briar. The directors hope to be able to open up next fall for work and instruction.

MONUMENT TO MERCER.

Mayor Willis Again in the Chair—Wedding in King George.

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FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Jan. 21.—Recorder T. McCracken, who presided at the last meeting of the City Council, in the absence of Mayor Willis, presided in cordance with a resolution adopted by the Council, a resolution adopted by the Council to make a vigorous effort to get the appropriation of \$5,000 made by Congress 25 years ago for the purpose of building a monument to General Hugh Mercer in this city. Messrs. E. D. Cole, W. S. Embrey and G. W. Vreeland, from the citizens, and Messrs. H. H. Wallace and W. D. Carter, from the Business Men's Association. General Mercer fell in the battle of Princeton, N. J., and a bill for the erection of a monument in this city to his memory passed the House of Congress 25 years ago, but for some reason the appropriation was never used.

Mayor M. G. Willis has entirely recovered from his long illness and has entered upon the active discharge of his duties as Mayor of the city again.

News has been received here of the death of Mr. Lewis J. Rawlings, brother of the late A. B. Rawlings and James L. Rawlings, of Spotsylvania county, at Boise City, Idaho, of cancer of the stomach. He was fifty-six years old and left here in 1878. He is the third member of the family to die within the past year.

Mr. James H. Puryear and Miss Helen Allen, daughter of Mr. S. M. Allen, both of King George county, were married at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. W. W. Owens, in that county a few days ago.

The Baptist revival is increasing in interest and power in the able preaching of Rev. Dr. W. W. Hamilton, of Louisville, Ky. The large building is inadequate to accommodate the large crowds, and many are unable to hear all of the sermons. There were eleven converts Sunday night and seven last night. At 4 and 7:30 meetings are being held in the report.

They will continue for some time.

THE TRIAL OF WILCOX.

A Persistent Kumer That It Will Take Place at Gatesville.

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SUFOLK, Va., Jan. 21.—There is a persistent rumor in Gatesville, N. C., and in Suffolk that the trial of James Wilcox, accused of the murder of Mrs. W. W. Wilcox, will be had at the former place. A man just from Gatesville said to-night an attorney of that town claimed the case would be brought there. A Suffolk merchant has already engaged a hotel accommodations on account of the report. As a matter of fact, even if Gatesville is the prospective trial place, nothing definite has been decided yet, because the move for a change of venue may be opposed by District Attorney Ward, in answer to a question, Lawyer Aydtell, counsel for Wilcox, said to-day: "I have not determined what course will be pursued."

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THE PEMBERTON MILL.

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Read what the Medical Profession say of this great remedy:
Dr. THOMAS M. MITCHELL, Hamilton, Ga., writes: "I have a very interesting case from an accumulation of Phlegm in a Paralyzed Stomach. When the patient was fast sinking from oppression of phlegm, IRONAL relieved him promptly and saved his life, when all reliable remedies failed. It was a trial, but a great success."

W. M. P. BALLANCE, M. D., President National Electro-Medical Institute, New Haven, Conn., writes: "Am much pleased with the IRONAL. We find it an admirable Tonic in Diseases of the Stomach, associated with faulty assimilation. We have used it with success as a General Appetizer, and for Anæmia of Women."

Dr. J. D. POPE, Monticello, Ark., speaking of IRONAL, says: "It is a most excellent remedy, and so far, I am particularly impressed with its powers. It is just the remedy we have long wanted, especially for Indigestion."

The company has already organized a charter has been asked for. W. H. Rhodes, M. C. Selmon, and J. L. Staley are the directors. Officers for the first year: J. L. Staley, president; E. A. Parrish, secretary and treasurer.

The work of sawing lumber and erecting buildings will be commenced in about ten days. The factory will not be dependent upon the supply of raw material of any kind in this neighborhood alone.

Mr. W. J. Duke has been employed as sawyer and carpenter for the plant. The question of manager for the present when in operation has not yet been taken up by the company. It is thought they will begin business in about sixty days.

PEITION FOR O'BOYLE.

Councilman Burcher to Run Against Mayor Moss.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 21.—The petition asking for the commutation of the sentence of Billy O'Boyle will go up to Richmond to-morrow.

O'Boyle, it will be remembered, was convicted about two years ago of murdering Alma Hamilton, a mulatto. He was sentenced to be hanged, but got a new trial and was again convicted. The case dragged along in the Supreme Court for nearly a year, and finally O'Boyle was resentence to hang on February 28. Immediately a petition was started. This petition has been signed by all of the jurors in the case, many prominent officials and others.

O'Boyle's crime was particularly brutal one. The woman was literally stamped to death, together with her unborn child. Since his incarceration O'Boyle has been a model prisoner.

Councilman A. E. Burcher will to-morrow announce his decision in regard to running for Mayor against A. Moss, the present executive. Mr. Burcher has always been one of Mr. Moss' lieutenants, and the Mayor would not believe that he would run against him.

It is certain that Mr. Burcher will make the run, and if he does, he will not receive the large anti-Moss support, but will draw extensively from the following of Mr. Moss himself.

The Morgan line ship El Alba, which had her trial trip Saturday, will leave next Saturday under command of Captain B. B. Quick, commodore of the Morgan fleet, for New York to go into the New Orleans trade.

The Council to-night adopted the report of the committee on perfecting the municipal ownership.

YOUNG MAN DEAD IN BED.

An Old V. P. I. Cadet and Employed in Railroad Work.

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WYTHEVILLE, Va., Jan. 21.—James G. Wolfenden, a son of Edward Wolfenden, the manager of Equine's Iron Company of Barron Springs, in the lower end of the county, and nephew of W. C. Wolfenden, of this place, was found dead in bed this morning when called for breakfast.

Young Wolfenden was only twenty-two years of age and an exceptional character, having graduated at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute two years ago. He had been in the employment of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, and had returned to his home only ten days ago, and was in the enjoyment of perfect health the day before he was found dead.

His remains will be brought to this place in the morning for interment.

FAMILIES BURNED OUT.

Aged Mother and Other Females in Night Clothes in the Snow.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
WINCHESTER, Va., Jan. 21.—The log residence of Messrs. George Frand and Ashby Graves, of this county, was destroyed by fire early this morning. A tenant house near by was also consumed, together with a large quantity of straw, thirteen butcher's hogs and the contents of the house.

Snow was falling all the time, and the female members of the family had to escape in their night clothing.

The loss is about \$2,000, with \$600 insurance.

A spark of fire from a Baltimore and Ohio Railroad freight engine ignited thirty tons of hay and straw belonging to J. R. Triplett, near Kernstown, this morning.

Only yesterday he had made arrangements to sell it at a good price.

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Cashier of the Standard Oil Company at Norfolk.

SUSPICION OF POISON

The Coroner's Autopsy Showed That He Died from Acute Congestion of the Lungs.

He Perhaps Died from Heart Disease.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 21.—The body of Mr. John Pearce, cashier of the Standard Oil Company, Norfolk branch, was found in a row boat in Roanoke dock at 8 o'clock this morning. Appearances indicated that his neck was broken.

A profound sensation was caused by the discovery of the body and grief was general. Mr. Pearce was one of the most popular young men in Norfolk, and was very prominent in Norfolk society.

He has a brother, Mr. Walter L. Pearce, in the Norfolk National Bank.

He left these two friends at the Monticello Hotel about 10:15 o'clock last night, saying that he would return in a few minutes. He was then apparently in good spirits, and did not return this morning that he was dead.

THOUGHT HIM MURDERED.
His associates in the office say that they believe he was murdered, and that the body was found in the boat, as a matter of fact, he had no money, and but 31 cents when his body was found. He is believed, however, to have spent the balance during the day.

The body, when found, lay in the boat, the hands hanging in the water.

Mr. Irwin, superintendent of the Citizens' Bank building, says he saw him about 11 o'clock, and that he was then on his way to the pier, and was apparently in excellent spirits.

THE AUTOPTSY.

Dr. Latts, coroner, said this afternoon after an autopsy, that life had been extinct more than three hours when the body was found, and that Mr. Pearce died from acute congestion of the lungs, acute kidney trouble contributing.

He said that the kidneys, lungs, spleen and liver were congested, as they would be had death resulted from poisoning, but an analysis of the stomach would be made later.

Dr. Latts said he believed that Mr. Pearce died from heart disease, and while suffering from such attack fell into the boat, where he was found. His father died some years since from heart disease.

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NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 21.—The coroner's jury decided that Pearce's death resulted from natural causes.

BAD RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

The Business of Raising Bird Dogs—A Cutting Scarp.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
BOYDTON, Va., Jan. 21.—Mr. Nick Edmund, a prominent traveling man and son of Mr. Henry Edmund, of Chase City, was tonight injured in a runaway accident. He was driving a pair of horses, which became frightened, throwing Mr. Edmund out, mashing his foot and breaking his hip.

His injuries are regarded as very serious. Mr. Edmund is a brother-in-law of Ex-Consul-General W. T. Townes, of Rio.

Dr. H. L. Atkins, of this place, is making the business of raising bird dogs quite profitable. Within one year he has sold several hundred dogs, and over fifty dollars. The dogs are highly bred, and he has them trained by an experienced hunter. His sales have been, for the most part, to wealthy Northern gentlemen.

Cashier E. W. Overby keeps a fine stock of bird dogs. He, with several friends, went out Saturday afternoon on a hunt with thirty-three dogs. They returned before night with a gray tied behind one of the saddles.

Mr. D. H. Jones, a member of the Electric Board at Mechanicsville, is ill at his home, near here, with inflammatory rheumatism.

W. P. Hamilton, cashier of the Planters Bank of Rocky Mount, N. C., spent two days here this week on a visit to his mother.

A cutting scarp took place here last night, the result of a drunk, between Tom Lloyd, gypsy horse-trader, and Ben Sturdivant (colored). Lloyd had Sturdivant down beating him with the ball of his whip, when Sturdivant drew his knife and cut him on the leg, above the knee.

Dr. Atkins sewed up the wound, and the man is doing well this morning. Sturdivant's head is pretty badly bruised.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Young Howard Holt Shot to Death by One of His Best Friends.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
CHASE CITY, Va., Jan. 21.—Mr. Howard Holt, of this place, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon by the explosion of a gun in the hands of Mr. Faison.

He was out hunting and called at the home of Mr. Faison with him, placed his gun up by the side of the barrel, and took a seat on the doorsteps and commenced to crack some walnuts given to him by Mrs. Faison.

Mr. Faison casually picked up his gun, and as he raised it the barrel was pointing to young Holt. It was discharged within three feet of him, the load tearing a part of the left breast and heart, causing instant death.

The gun was half cocked, and whether the hammer caught in Faison's clothing or the sudden lifting caused it to go off is not known.

An inquest was held, and a verdict rendered of accidental killing. Mr. Faison and his wife were overwhelmed with grief, as they were especially attached to the young man.

Howard was about seventeen or eighteen years old, of fine physique and a young man of excellent character and the son of Captain Orlando J. Hayes, of this place.

MEASURE FOR LONGSTREET.

Bill Introduced Putting Him on Retired List of the United States Army.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—Senator Morgan to-day introduced a bill placing General James Longstreet on the retired list of the army, with the rank of major.

The rank he held when he entered the service of the Confederacy at the beginning of the Civil War.

New Orleans Races.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 21.—El Ghor and Ernest Farman were the beaten favorites to-day. Summaries:

First race—mile and twenty yards, selling—Synoptical Sandy (2 to 1) first, Jessie Jarboe (1 to 2) second, El Ghor (3 to 5) third, Lakota, 14th.

Second race—three furlongs—Merry Sister (7 to 5) first, Frances Porter (2 to 1) second, Julia Lisle (12 to 1) third. Time, 35.3-4.

Third race—six furlongs—Sevov (9 to 2) first, Weidemann (6 to 1) second, Amagari (7 to 1) third. Time, 1:13-4-4.

Fourth race—mile and a sixteenth, selling—Frank M. (6 to 2) first, Henry of Franstamar (5 to 1) second, Free Admission (8 to 1) third. Time, 1:19-1-4.

Fifth race—seven furlongs, selling—Wild Bess (11 to 2) first, Leena (6 to 2) second, Meme Wastell (13 to 5) third. Time, 1:29-1-4.

Sixth race—mile and a sixteenth, selling—Shut Up (6 to 5) first, Dandy H. (15 to 1) second, Azim (10 to 1) third. Time, 1:21-1-4.

Seventh race—mile and a sixteenth, selling—Shut Up (6 to 5) first, Dandy H. (15 to 1) second, Azim (10 to 1) third. Time, 1:21-1-4.

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